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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pedestal defined zero throat write head comprising:
a first pole having a pedestal, the pedestal including a notch, the pedestal notch having a front and a back;
a second pole;
a gap separating the pedestal of the first pole from a portion of the second pole, the gap having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the gap being in proximity to between the front of the pedestal notch and the second pole, the second portion of the gap being in proximity to between the back of the pedestal notch and the second pole, the first portion of the gap being thinner than the second portion of the gap;
wherein the second portion of the gap has a top and a bottom, the top of the second portion of the gap being substantially parallel to the bottom of the second portion of the gap.

2. (Currently Amended) The pedestal defined zero throat write head of claim 1A pedestal defined zero throat write head comprising:
a first pole having a pedestal, the pedestal including a notch, the pedestal having a front and a back;
a second pole;
a gap separating the pedestal of the first pole from a portion of the second pole, the gap having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the gap being in proximity to the